

TAMDAR Status FPAW Forum

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The patented TAMDAR sensor





Measures and derives:

- Ice presence
- Median and peak turbulence
- Winds aloft
- Indicated and true airspeed
- Static pressure and pressure altitude
- Air temperature (Mach corrected)
- Relative humidity
- GPS lat/long/alt/time

System architecture



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Who is AirDat?



AirDat's IP and capabilities:

- Developed patented TAMDAR sensor with NASA
- Implemented an integrated global (near) real-time data link
- Deployment and manufacturing of TAMDAR sensors
- Dedicated 24/7 data center
- Real-time data quality control
- Near real-time data collection, processing, QA, and distribution
- Creation and distribution of enhanced weather and communications products and services

GLFE status



- Field evaluation over Great Lakes and south
- All 63 Mesaba Saab 340 equipped
- All 63 aircraft delivering quality data
- Significant improvements in forecasts seen
- GLFE has been extended to Jan. 15, 2006

Current coverage (red lines)







- Deployment on 63 Mesaba aircraft complete
- Contractual agreements close with four additional regional carriers
 - Approx. 550-600 aircraft (including Mesaba)
 - Approx. 350 airports served
- Coverage over most of North America
- Many small airports without alternative sounding data
- Deployments will occur in 2006

TAMDAR Data Volume and Simulation

- Radiosonde soundings (daily): 138
 - 69 sites
 - 2 launches per day
- Mesaba (GLFE) soundings: 820
 - 79 sites (airports)
- CONUS deployment (500+ aircraft) soundings: 5000+
 - 300+ sites (airports)
- Simulation—illustrates potential impact

TAMDAR airborne components





Note: Integrated antenna includes satellite weather reception

TAMDAR_® observation



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Icing map display





Turbulence map display





TAMDAR based aviation products and services

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- Aircraft tracking
- Real time icing and turbulence data
- In-situ winds aloft
- Improved icing and turbulence models
- Improved convective models and forecasting
- Improved precipitation forecasts
- Improved TAFs
- Improved, high density atmospheric sounds
- Equipage with antenna for cockpit weather service

I would starve if more pilots viewed TAMDAR icing & turbulence data!

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